

of the expedition of the Russian Academy of Sciences through northern Mongolia. The physical features of the country are described and the character of the vegetation. There follows a systematic list of the birds and a consideration of the several zoogeographic regions with their characteristic species. There are fourteen photographs of the country and a map, the report forming a valuable contribution to a region that has been but little studied.—W. S.

Ivanow on Birds of the Yakutsk District.—In this paper¹ there is presented a study of the birds of the immense republic of Yakutsk which covers some 570,000 square kilometers. It is based upon the author's personal experiences as a member of the Expedition of the Russian Academy, and the various collections from the region contained in several Russian institutions. The district is divided into three areas, the elevated portions of the Verkhoyansk Mountains, the Lena-Amga area on the left shore of the Lena, and the Aldan-Maya area in the southwestern section which has a very distinct fauna belonging more properly to a different zoographical province. There follows a well annotated list of 198 species, and others apparently observed by other explorers. Mr. Ivanov has made a valuable contribution to the natural history of the region.—W. S.

Shorter Papers.

Bangs, Outram.—A Trembler New to Science. (*Proc. New England Zool. Club*, XI, pp. 39-41. August 30, 1929.)—*Cinlocerthia ruficauda sola* (p. 40) based on an old Lafresnaye specimen labeled as from Guadeloupe but probably from some small neighboring island.

Bangs, Outram.—An Undescribed Form of the Greater Vasa Parrot. (*Proc. New England Zool. Club*, XI, pp. 49-50. October 31, 1929.)—*Coracopsis vasa wulsini* (p. 50) from western Madagascar, but Mr. Bangs has apparently been anticipated by a few weeks by M. L. Lavauden who has described what appears to be the same form in 'Alauda' for September 10, naming it *C. v. drouhardi*.

Bond, James. A New Tanager from the Massif de la Selle, Haiti. (*Proc. Acad. Nat. Sciences, Phila.* LXXXI, pp. 473-474. October 3, 1929.)—*Calyptophilus frugivorus selleanus* (p. 473).

Chapin, James P.—A New Bower-bird of the Genus *Xanthomelus*. (*Amer. Mus. Novitates*, No. 367. August 9, 1929, pp. 1-3.)—*X. bakeri* (p. 1.) from Madang, New Guinea.

deSchauense, R. M.—Description of a New Form of Bhringa from the Hills of Northern Siam. (*Proc. Acad. Nat. Sciences, Phila.*,

¹ Birds of the Yakutsk District. By A. Ivanow Academy of Sciences of the Union of Soviet Republics. "Materiaux" Vol. 25. pp. 1-206. fourteen illustrations. [In Russian with an English resumé.]